

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90392

Keiichi MIYAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/551,545

Group Art Unit: 1794

Confirmation No.: 3637

Examiner: Shawn R. Hutchinson

Filed: September 30, 2005

For: MOLDED ELASTIN ARTICLE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 5, 2008, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to "an elastin molded article comprising a fiber". This election is made without traverse.

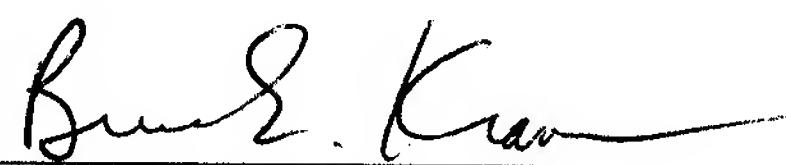
Further, Applicant notes that a Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently herewith amending non-elected method claim 11 so that it includes a recitation referring to elected product claim 1. In view of the Preliminary Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the non-elected method claims when allowable subject matter is found in elected product claim 1, pursuant to the provision of MPEP 821.04(b).

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Respectfully submitted,



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